

Emergency Situations Policy**3020****Rationale**

From time to time there is a possibility of inclement weather, natural disaster or terrorist activity disrupting the normal operations of the school. For these situations, there is a need to have emergency preparations in place. Emergency situations require preplanning, preparation, promptness, communication, co-ordination and understanding in order that appropriate action may be initiated with confidence that the safety of students and staff will be of the highest degree possible with the least disruption to the education of students.

Policy

It is the policy of Stichting AFNORTH International School Brunssum that the school have comprehensive plans outlining actions to be taken in emergency situations.

Definition

An emergency is a situation requiring lock down, evacuation, school closure, cancellation or delay of transportation etc, due to fire, inclement weather, bomb threats, firearms, chemical spills, terrorist activity, etc.

Guidelines

- 1 The plans should provide for prompt action and understanding by all concerned. Adherence to the procedures is essential to avoid confusion or misunderstanding.
- 2 The AFNORTH International School emergency plan shall incorporate awareness of alternative accommodation, communication with parents, safety of students and staff, and security of premises. This plan should be clear and communicated to staff, students, and parents, as early in the school year as possible and available for implementation when necessary.
- 3 The AFNORTH International School emergency plan shall include actions to be taken in case of: lockdown, evacuation, fire, inclement weather, bomb threats, firearms, chemical spills, etc.
- 4 The development of a high level of consciousness concerning security and safety by all staff members is important.
- 5 The Director or designate, in consultation when possible with the Management Team and an appropriate authority, shall make the decision whether or not to evacuate the school.
- 6 The Director or designate, in consultation when possible with the Management Team and an appropriate authority, shall make the decision to close the school.

Review

This policy shall be reviewed in accordance with Policy Development and Review Policy 1020.

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International Staff Handbook
Lockdown Procedures
Emergency Evacuation Procedures
Inclement Weather/Emergency
Procedures
Memorandum of Arrangement
between Stichting AFNORTH
International School and Allied
Joint Force Command
Headquarters Brunssum dated 13
May 2015